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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 17, 2003, please find enclosed the following documents in connection with the above-identified patent application:

- [x] Resubmission Of Reply And Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111; and
- [x] (1) Post Card Receipt

It is believed that no fees are required by this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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RESUBMISSION OF REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.121 mailed October 17, 2003, the period for response to which extends to November 17, 2003, Applicants resubmit the following Amendment and Remarks. Applicants have corrected the amendments to the specification section to reflect that the replacement paragraph should replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 5. No other matter has been added to this amendment.

Applicants do not believe any fees for extensions of time or net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. Any fees required are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 7 of this paper.